

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides insurance cover to handloom weavers in the case of natural and accidental death and total/partial disability under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount released under this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the other steps being taken by the Government to provide better marketing services to enable the weavers to maximize the gain leading to a growing market for handloom?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes Madam, the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms is providing insurance cover to handloom weavers both in the case of natural as well as accidental death and also for total/partial disability under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana. The details are as under:-

Benefits

Natural Death Rs.60,000/-

Accidental Death Rs.1,50,000/-

Total Disability Rs.1,50,000/-

Partial Disability Rs.75,000/-

(b): The amount is not released State/UT wise under the scheme, it is released to Implementing Agency as whole country basis. The amount released under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:-

Year Amount released (Rs. in crore)

2013-14 16.63

2014-15 16.39

2015-16 16.67

2016-17 12.03

(c): The Government of India is providing financial assistance for organizing marketing events like National Handloom Expo (NHE)/Special Handloom Expo (SHE)/District Level Event (DLE). In addition, e-commerce agencies have also been engaged for promotion of e-marketing of handloom products, as per the e-commerce policy framework. For export of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) is participating in various international fairs with handloom exporters to sell their handloom products in the international markets.

During the celebration of first National Handloom Day on 7th August 2015, 'India Handloom' Brand has also been launched for branding of high quality handloom products to promote production of niche handloom products with high quality, authentic traditional designs with zero defect and zero effect on environment.
